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The editor will try to publish newsletters in future by mid-December and by the end of April and August. Newsletters since that for the August 2014 edition are also available as a pdf file from the Society website. A new section "5" on the Society web site has been designed to accommodate this.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the spring 2018 newsletter. We have continued with a very varied and also very interesting new 2017-2018 programme. Our thanks are due to Rufus Barnes, who has organised the new programme for the Society.

From time to time we have to make changes to our published programme on the blue cards. However, the editor tries to keep the programme details on the Society's web site always up to date; this can be found at; - www.cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk

If any member is on email, and has not received this newsletter by email, but would be happy to receive future newsletters and communications by email then would you please let the secretary know at; info@cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk ; this will help save on both postage and paper costs.

JOHN TOWLER

It is with great sadness that the Society has to advise of the death of John Towler on 19th February 2018. It is believed that John was in his late eighties when he died.

John had a lifelong interest in philately and is believed to have joined the Society when he was a teenager and therefore achieving a record breaking 70 years as a member. He was a loyal and hardworking member of the Society and served on the executive committee for many years. He was President of the Society from 1975-1977 and again from 1989-1991. In 1995 he was given the Jack Simmonds Award of Merit for his commitment to the Society. He was also a life member of the Society many years.

He also served on the federation committee of the East Anglian and East Midlands Philatelic Federation for many years. He was President from 1983-1986 and Treasurer from 1986 -2000. For his hard work and commitment to the Federation he was appointed a Patron of the federation several years ago. When the federation was reformed as the Mid Anglia Philatelic Federation he continued to serve on that committee.

In 1988 John received from the BPF (since reformed as ABPS) the Award of Merit, which is given for outstanding service to regional philately. His philatelic interests included Fiji, military, letter boxes and Newmarket postal history.

ALISTAIR KENNEDY

We were very saddened to be advised on 24th April 2018 by RPSL that Alistair Kennedy had died; subsequent enquiries made with RPSL indicated that though they had been advised of



his death the previous day Alistair may well have died on 14th March 2018. Alistair had been ill since around Christmas last year but the difficulty was that no-one in the society, nor members from North Herts Stamp Club really knew not only what he was suffering from nor indeed just where he was.

Alistair was a very keen philatelist with interests covering Forces Postal History, Hertfordshire Postal History, Aden and any covers which he found to be of interest. He had been a member of the Cambridge Philatelic Society for many years, and was a current committee member; he had been on the committee for over ten years. He was President of the society from 2008 to 2010. He achieved the Jack Simmonds Award of Merit in 2013.

He was also a very active member of the Forces Postal History Society and also the Royal Philatelic Society London; he joined RPSL in 2003 and was elected a fellow in 2009.

He was also secretary of the Royston section of the North Herts Stamp Club for many years. Alistair will be sadly missed by all; a knowledgeable encyclopaedic brain has been lost to the society.

MEMBERS' NEWS

On 1st February **Graham Wylde** visited Fenland Stamp Club and presented a display on GB surface printed postal history. On 22nd February **Peter Morton** visited Fenland Stamp Club and gave a display of GB material covering 1841 to 2018. On 28th February **Adrian Boggust** and **Steve Hannath** visited Huntingdonshire P S and gave displays on Classic Stamps and Cape of Good Hope respectively. Also on 28th February **Simon Kelly** visited Huntingdonshire P S and displayed stamps from the Bahamas.

On 29th March **Steve Hannath** travelled to Fenland Stamp Club for a presentation of Cape Triangular Stamps. Also on that date **Peter Morton** travelled to Ely P S for a display of GB Machins.

Wednesday 3rd January

MEMBERS, EVENING; LETTERS N, O AND P

Keith Weston kicked off the evening with engraved stamps from Poland which included the Air issue, Famous Scientists, Costumes and Olympic Games. **Adrian Boggust** displayed early postcards from Hampshire with pier views and also of the Bitterne. **Michael Leveridge** showed stamps from New Guinea/Papua which also included stamps from the Japanese Occupation there. **Ray Revell** followed with stamps from a few Indian States, such as Nawanagar, Orchha and Pouch. On a similar subject **John George** displayed revenue stamps from a few Indian States such as Nagod, Naswadi, Piploda and Palanpur.

In the second half **Tony Crowther's** theme was the Post Office in Edinburgh, with details how the postal service developed. **Phillip Noble** displayed singles and panes of Machin stamps which had been printed in Holland by Enschedé. **Peter Morton** showed a selection of GB Official stamps from both Queen Victoria and Edward VII. This was followed by **Graham Wylde** with a selection from the three formats of the 1930 GB photogravure



issues. The evening concluded with perfin from **Richard Husband** which included 2 BB & G covers, and other Victorian material.

Friday 19th January

GB LINE ENGRAVED

Our member, **Graham Wylde**, gave an excellent display of GB line engraved material. Id blacks were very much in evidence with examples of flaws, double letters and different states. 2d blues displayed showed the differences between the 1840 and 1841 printings. Dozens of examples of the imperforate Id reds were shown with the different printing states, flaws, basal shifts and re-touches. 1850 Archer trials were displayed and examples of the Alphabet II printings.

Many different perforated Id red plates were displayed, again with varieties such as flaws, re-entries, and a few Gothic style letter "K".

Wednesday 7th February

GOLD COAST

We welcomed John Powell who gave an excellent display and comment on the stamps and covers from Gold Coast from 1875 to 1957. This ranged from coloured cancellations on the 1884 issues, Ashanti War covers, and key plates issues reflecting different inks and papers.

Friday 16th February

COMPETITION EVENING

{35 YEAR TROPHY, TRANSPORTATION OF MAIL, THEMATICS, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH}

We gave a warm welcome to **Terry Wagg** and **Mike Kentzer** from King's Lynn Philatelic Society who were extremely helpful and professional in the way in which they carried out the judging, and commenting afterwards on the various entries.

Overall eight entries were received for the five listed competitions, slightly down on those submitted in 2017. Congratulations are due to the winners of the competitions as follows;

35 Year Trophy; No entries

Transportation of Mail; No entries

Thematics; **Geoffery Datson** Figaro

Foreign; No entries

Commonwealth; **Adrian Boggust** Newfoundland

During the judging **John George** presented on behalf of **Ray Revell**, who was ill, a very varied display of postally used stamps and also officials from some of the many Indian States, including Cochin, Hyderabad, Travancore and others,

Wednesday 7th March

SOCIETY AUCTION

The Society Auction was held on this evening. Our thanks are due to **Rufus Barnes**, who



not only collated all the auction lots and produced a printed sheetlet, but also acted as auctioneer. Thanks are due to **Graham Wylde** and **Peter Morton** for keeping detailed records, and to those members who helped in finding the lots and sorting them. We are grateful for all those members who submitted lots and also bid in the auction. Compared to the previous year's auction the value of lots sold was higher with a good contribution being made to Society funds.

Friday 16th March

GIBRALTAR

We welcomed **Tony Puckridge** who presented around 180 sheets covering Gibraltar, in particular postal stationery used in Gibraltar; there were many covers with either "G" and "A26" cancellations on display. The second half included stamps of Gibraltar which were used in the Morocco Agencies. Many covers were displayed with various cancellations from Casablanca, Tangiers, Rabat, Mogador, Mazagan, Larache, Saffi and others.

Wednesday 4th April

MEMBERS, EVENING; SHOW WHAT YOU LIKE

Richard Husband started the evening with Perfin postal stationery of GB, which included Army & Navy covers 3 x 1880 postcards and covers for Edward VII and George V. **Rufus Barnes** then showed an auction lot he had bought of Burmese military mail which included forces air letter forms and registered vignettes. **Steve Hannath** displayed South African covers including Griqualand West and then followed these with a small display of coloured glass ink bottles. **Ray Revell** showed many covers posted and cancelled from Namibia railway stations, and cancels on piece in both English and Afrikaans.

Stafford May talked about the history of smart stamps in the UK with examples of logos used on covers including seasonal greetings. **John George** displayed revenue stamps from several Indian Feudal States including Indore, Dhar and Maliya. **Tony Crowther** then continued with examples of 1785 mail carried by carriage which was exempt from paying tolls, and examples of the four different markings for the ½d wheel tax. **Stafford May** then showed on behalf of Earl Toops a USA competition entry for the Trucial States which covered the Palm Series of issues. **Michael Leveridge** talked about the life of Henry Garrett Fawcett, the blind postmaster general, by way of illustrated covers, articles and photographs. **Simon Kelly** then concluded proceedings with examples of Edinburgh newspaper branch cancellations which included many varieties.

Friday 20th April

GB POSTAL HISTORY WITH A DIFFERENCE

We gave a warm welcome to **Don Davies**. Many interesting covers were displayed from around 1789 when private letter carriers were used. Examples of the different markings on envelopes were seen from red prepaid marks to black collect payment marks. Many examples of the way envelopes were addressed were shown, from descriptive, reference to landmarks, and reference to occupation or trade. Many stamped covers from 1840 and examples of the stamps used in the first few decades of stamp use were displayed.



FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2017-2018 programme continues with the following meetings.

Friday 18th May

STEPHEN HARPER-SCOTT ENTERTAINS

[Note; change in date from that previously published.]

Wednesday 6th June

VISIT FROM ELY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Friday 15th June

NO MEETING

Wednesday 4th July

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OTHER MATTERS

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

The society will have to comply with the terms of the new Data Protection Act which comes into force on 25th May 2018. The committee has discussed in detail with the result that (i) a letter has been sent out to every member together with (ii) a privacy policy and (iii) a consent form which needs to be completed and returned to the society secretary. In theory every member of the society should have received this information either by email or in the post. Should any member not have received the documents then would he or she please contact the society secretary.

SOCIETY DINNER

We will be holding a Society Dinner on Wednesday 11th July at the Arundel House Hotel, Chesterton Road, Cambridge; 6.30 pm for strict 6.55 pm sit down. Those members who regularly attend meetings have already been advised of menu choices and costs. Full details can be obtained from the society secretary.

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website; www.mapf.co.uk. The latest [March 2018] Newsletter also appears on the website.

PJM 30th April 2018

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